

## Wild at Heart – Week 8a

### The Battle To Fight: The Enemy

1. Do you believe you are the hero of your own story? Do you ever feel as courageous as William Wallace or do you find yourself wandering to the back of the army?

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2. Do you believe God has called **you** to a battle? Why or why not?

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**THE FLESH** – not our physical body but our ‘sin nature’ or ‘old man’

3. What are your main three, specific, temptations for your flesh? (food, alcohol, pornography etc)

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**THE WORLD** – corruption of your masculine strength – security through power, status, position etc.

4. Where do you feel pulled to turn to for a sense of validation *as a man*? (Work, women, sport, church etc)

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**THE DEVIL** – wants to kill, steal and destroy - YOU.

5. Do you identify with John’s story about the car journey with his wife? (W@H p 151-152) What is that voice whispering to you?

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Field Notes

### **DISPATCH**

“Enemy-occupied territory – that’s what this world is.”

– C.S. Lewis

### **WARNING!**

I said we should let people feel the weight of who we are, and let them deal with it. By that I do not mean we become belligerent or recklessly destructive with our current situation. What I mean by letting people feel the weight of who we are is that we come out from hiding, stop apologizing that we have a wild heart, stop editing ourselves to fit neatly within a world of posers. Many things are probably calling for a change. Much of our present life was built by and for a poser, and when the poser changes, his world will change as well. But remember that a warrior uses *cunning*. Pick your battles; don’t become an early casualty because of reckless abandon.



*Strengthen me, with your strength, O God. Rally my soul into this great battle. Dear Jesus, expose the enemies of my heart and my life so that I may see the battle lines more clearly. Show me my place; speak again to me my name. Grant me a vision for my life, and grant me the cunning of a warrior. Sustain me in this battle and in this journey, that in your name I might gain the victory. I pray in the mighty power of Jesus’ name*